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LaFontaine

Lions to hold

tenderloin dinner

The LaFontaine Lions will host a carry-out only hand-breaded tenderloin dinner from 4 p.m. until it is gone on Saturday, June 13 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The meal will be two tenderloins, applesauce and a bag of chips. The cost will be \$10 per meal. Cards may be used with an extra charge of \$1 per transaction. Pick up will be in the alley on the west side of the Community Building. Watch for the signs to direct you. Turn left off of Branson Street into the alley on the west side of the building. Proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the LaFontaine Community Building.

Clark Gallery

to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" from Monday, June 15 to Sunday, Aug. 16. Judging took place on Wednesday, June 10. Artists selected as winners and accepted entries in the competition were notified Thursday, June 11. Unaccepted entries may be picked up Friday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. To make an appointment to pick up unaccepted entries after Monday, June 15, contact Hughes or call 260-274-1411. For more information, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams.

Wabash County awarded emergency food, shelter funds

Wabash County has been chosen to receive \$7,529 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Steve Johnson, local board chair of the Wabash County United Fund, by mail at P.O. Box 2, or 73 Canal Street,

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Fundraiser to benefit first transitional home for women in Wabash County

'Hope House Under the Stars' fundraiser planned for June 28

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash County Drug Steering Committee, Hope House Ministry and the Community Foundation of Wabash County have announced plans to locate a transitional home for women in Wabash County, according to Melissa Ford, development associate with the Community Foundation.

Ford stated Wabash County

has no transitional housing for women in recovery.

"The lack of safe, stable, sober, and structured housing poses a barrier for many women who could benefit from the support and safety transitional homes provide," stated Ford.

In a Friday statement to the Plain Dealer, Ford stated that in 2019, Shane Beal, Tia Brewer and Brian Blevins, residents of Grant County, "recognized the need for transitional homes and put their minds together to create homes for people recovering from substance use disorder."

"The homes, called Hope

House, opened their doors to the community in March in Marion. The opening was met with donations and accolades from the public, because of the community's long-expressed desire to have a place that provided safety, structure and support to individuals in their recovery process," stated Ford. "Meanwhile, in Wabash County, the Wabash County Drug Steering Committee had been investigating models for transitional homes.

Ford stated that Beal, and Brewer, in a partnership with the Wabash County Drug Steering Committee, seek to open the first transitional

home for women in Wabash County.

To raise proceeds for a Hope House, a fundraiser called Hope House Under the Stars, will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, June 28 at the 13-24 Drive-In Theater, 890 N. Indiana 13.

The event is free to the community and anyone interested in learning more about Hope House is encouraged to attend.

The "Lego Batman" movie will be showing and children are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero. Gates open at 8 p.m. and the movie will begin at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Raffle winners will be announced before the movie.

A fund at the Community Foundation has been established to receive contributions. All free-will donations will be directed to the Hope House Fund and will be used to sponsor rooms, pay salaries, and provide meals and recovery-related programming for women living in the home.

"Any donations for the Wabash County Hope House collected during or after the event will be directed to the Community Foundation and used to sponsor rooms, pay

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Provided photo

Sunday's demonstration follows a peaceful protest by a group of several dozen peaceful protesters assembled with signs in hand in support of the Black Lives Matter movement on June 6 in front of Wabash City Hall at the corner of Market and Wabash streets.

Anti-racism event set for Sunday in North Manchester

Peaceful protest will start at 4 p.m. at The Firehouse

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

An anti-racism event has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, June 14 at The Firehouse, 108 W. Main St., North Manchester, according to Cliff Kindy, of the Christian Peacemaker Teams at Manchester University.

In a Friday statement to the Plain Dealer, Kindy stated the event would seek to "demonstrate solidarity with Black people across the country who have lost their lives at the hands of the police."

"At The Firehouse, a brief overview of why the event is happening, what Black Lives Matter means and

"We must show solidarity with the victims of police brutality and commit ourselves to anti-racist work on national, state and local levels."

CLIFF KINDY

Christian Peacemaker Teams, Manchester University

how to protest nonviolently will take place. Protesters will then walk from The Firehouse to the North Manchester Police Department where participants will read the names of those who have been unjustly killed, as well as what has been achieved in the past two weeks because of the mass protests across the world. The event will conclude with protesters walking back to The Firehouse," stated Kindy.

Kindy stated the recent murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Ahmaud Arbery "and many other Black people across the country prove that the United States is still steeped in racism and functions through racist systems."

"We must show solidarity with the victims of police brutality and commit ourselves to anti-racist work on national, state and local levels," stated Kindy.

Sunday's demonstration follows a peaceful protest by a group of several dozen peaceful protesters assembled with signs in hand in support of the Black Lives Matter movement on the afternoon of Saturday, June 6 in front of Wabash City Hall at the corner of Market and Wabash streets.

Printed on the assembled placards and shirts were anti-racist messages and memorials to Floyd, who was killed May 25 by Minneapolis Police Department officers during an arrest for allegedly using a counterfeit \$20 bill.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

ISMA connects Hoosier doctors with PPE

New program supplies discounted protective equipment for physicians to treat patients

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana State Medical Association has announced a new program to supply individual medical offices with the personal protective equipment (PPE) needed to safely treat patients and protect their staff, according to Steve Cooke, director of communications.

"Shortages of PPE caused

by the COVID-19 public health emergency have made re-opening difficult for many doctors. Now, physician practices of all sizes can purchase selected items at discounted rates that are comparable to bulk pricing. These items include hand sanitizer, isolation gowns and surgical masks," stated Cooke.

The shortage was severe

enough that many doctor offices reduced hours or remained closed altogether. In survey responses collected by ISMA, physicians estimated needing every month 700,000 patient masks; 600,000 respirator masks and 500,000 gowns, pairs of gloves and face shields to operate at full capacity.

Cooke stated ISMA staff turned to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), which identified several PPE suppliers and vetted them for quality

and price. The vendors included Cardinal Spirits (Monroe County); Jordan Manufacturing Company, Inc. (Newton and White counties); and Fusek's True Value Hardware (Marion County).

Cooke stated additional vendors will be added over time to offer equipment at discounted bulk rates, regardless of quantities purchased.

Orders for PPE can be submitted by visiting ISMAnet.org/PPE.

Waterfall 5K/10K Trail Runs season kick off Sunday

Flag Day event scheduled for Salamonie Dam

STAFF REPORT

The Waterfall 5K 10K Trail Runs kick off the trail running season Sunday, Flag Day, atop the Salamonie Dam, according to Mitch Harper, of Veep Races.

Runners will start at 8:30 a.m.

"Run the beautiful trails at the Salamonie River State Forest and finish back at the Observation Mound Pavilion," stated Harper. "Northeast Indiana runners have had a long winter followed by the coronavirus lockdown, social distancing and the cancellation or postponement of many races such as the Indy Mini and the Boston Marathon. The governor's phased re-opening takes another step this weekend. And the Waterfall Trail Runs provide an opportunity for a limited number of dedicated trail runners to hit the trails."

The Salamonie River State Forest is the site of numerous waterfalls. The site was reforested in the late 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Camp 589 and holds historic structures built by the CCC during the Great Depression. Bald eagles make their home along this section of river and runners can reasonably expect to hear the distinctive keening of bald eagles.

The Salamonie Dam is operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Upper Wabash Valley Flood Control.

The State Forest is directly across from the Kokiwanee Nature Preserve owned by ACRES Land Trust. It is also the site of numerous waterfalls.

The Salamonie Dam is located 12 minutes from Indiana 24 at Andrews in Huntington County. It is located 11 minutes from Indiana 24 at Lagro in Wabash County.

For more information, visit VeepRaces.com or visit <https://secure.getme.registered.com/WaterfallTrailRun> for a direct registration link.

Some states hit pause, others press on amid spike in virus

By **PAUL J. WEBER**
and **ANDREW DEMILLO**
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Utah and Oregon put any further reopenings of their economies on hold amid a spike in coronavirus cases, but there was no turning back Friday in such states as Texas, California, Arkansas and Arizona despite flashing warning signs there, too.

One by one, states are weighing the health risks from the virus against the economic damage from the stay-at-home orders that have thrown millions out of work over the past three months.

And many governors are coming down on the side of jobs, even though an Associated Press analysis this week found that cases are rising in nearly half the states – a trend experts attributed in part to the gradual reopening of businesses over the past few weeks.

Texas, which set single-day highs for hospitalizations and new COVID-19 cases this week, gave the go-ahead for restaurants on Friday to

expand eat-in dining to 75 percent capacity, up from 50 percent.

Arkansas, where the number of cases has nearly doubled since Memorial Day and the number of people hospitalized is up more than 88 percent, will let restaurants seat more customers on Monday.

Arizona has become one of the most troubling hot spots in the U.S. as new cases have surged to more than 1,000 a day, up from fewer than 400 before stay-at-home orders expired in mid-May. Republican Gov. Doug Ducey gave assurances the health care system can handle it.

Even California, the site nearly three months ago of the nation’s first statewide stay-at-home order, entered the most expansive phase of its gradual reopening Friday, even though its daily average of new cases is up by more than 600 from a week ago.

Wineries in California started uncorking their bottles and welcoming people back to their tasting rooms, and hotels, zoos, museums and aquariums were also allowed to reopen.

So far, only a small number of governors have shown a willingness to retreat, or at least hit pause.

Republican Gov. Gary Herbert of Utah and Democratic Gov. Kate Brown of Oregon both said they would halt lifting further restrictions for the time being as new cases flare.

“As I’ve said before, reopening comes with real risk,” Brown said in announcing a one-week pause that will affect, among other places, Portland, the state’s biggest city.

Elsewhere around the country, Iowa bars, restaurants, theaters and other businesses were allowed to pack in more customers. Swimming pools, senior centers and adult day care centers were also cleared to open back up. Iowa is still seeing hot spots, especially near meatpacking plants.

In Texas, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott “is making pretty clear at this point he wants the economy to open,” a worried Austin Mayor Steve Adler said. “My hope is that when he sees what kind of surge there’s going to be, he does act at a state level.”

Indiana public universities face \$103 million state funding cut

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana’s public universities would see a \$103 million cut in state funding under a plan from Gov. Eric Holcomb’s administration reacting to significant drops in tax collections during the coronavirus outbreak.

A memo from State Budget Director Zac Jackson this week proposed a 7 percent reduction in the state’s \$1.7 billion in 2020-21 funding to the seven public college systems in Indiana.

The memo said the federal coronavirus relief package approved by Congress allocated nearly \$82 million to Indiana’s colleges that can defray expenses such as lost revenue and technology costs associated with distance education.

A table included with the memo shows that the cut would result in a slight overall decrease for schools from this year, rather than a 1.4 percent increase as approved by the Legislature in 2019 in the two-year state budget.

University funding makes up about 10 percent of the state budget, and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education said the planned cuts were expected.

“These cuts will require institutions to significantly adjust operations and services, and Indiana’s institutions have been developing contingen-

cy plans over the past several months in an effort to prepare for a variety of scenarios,” a commission statement said. “At the same time, these cuts will not impact student financial aid, which is important to ensure college affordability for all Hoosiers in a time when there will most likely be increased financial need for students and families.”

Indiana government agencies were told last month to cut spending by 15 percent

for the coming budget year that starts in July. Officials have said the state could see a drop of more than \$3 billion in tax revenue over the next 14 months of its current two-year \$34 billion budget – more than the \$2.3 billion in cash reserves the state has built up over several years.

State tax collections came in \$230 million, or 20 percent, below expectations for May, the third straight month of significant shortfalls.



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5-Day Weather Summary

 Saturday Mostly Sunny 74 / 51	 Sunday Sunny 75 / 55	 Monday Sunny 78 / 61	 Tuesday Mostly Sunny 85 / 66	 Wednesday Mostly Sunny 88 / 68
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:20 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:16 a.m.

 Last 6/13	 New 6/21	 First 6/28	 Full 7/5
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 74°, humidity of 36%. North northeast wind 11 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 51°. Northeast wind 6 to 10 mph. Sunday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 75°, humidity of 32%. East northeast wind 8 mph.

Neighbor won't stop giving kids candy

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a neighbor who likes to bring candy to my children. He doesn't have his own kids, so I know he is doing this to connect with children he loves. And my kids do love him. But I don't give them candy. I told him that the first time he gave it to them, but he hasn't gotten the message. He has even dropped off packages of candy for them at my door during stay-at-home orders. He's not creepy or anything, just lonely. How can I get him to change what he gives them without hurting his feelings?

– Candy Man

DEAR CANDY MAN: Wait until the quarantine is over and you feel safe to talk to him face-to-face, if possible. Thank him for being attentive to your children and reset your boundaries. Remind him that you do not allow your children to eat candy, which means they can never enjoy the gifts he brings because you don't give it to them. Suggest that he come up with another gift or forego giving them anything. You might explain why you don't give your children sweets so that he is clear about your wishes and your reasons to back them up.

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



documentation in case it refuses to provide an offer letter. She can set terms like, “We will evaluate where business is in 90 days/six months/business has recovered to 80 percent of pre-pandemic levels.” And the letter writer should clearly document both the new responsibilities and how she has been carrying them out. This is needed so if the raise isn't given or if she is fired, she has written proof that she can share with an attorney. She should send this letter to her manager and HR or someone else in the company and BCC her personal email. If there is no response in a week, email again.

If the company doesn't respond by email, have a

conversation. Afterward, send an email summary and BCC herself. I would also send an email of every conversation I had about this: “Today is June 13, 2020, and I spoke to Manager John. He said he would check with the owner.”

– HR Input

DEAR HR INPUT: Thank you for your clarification. Several people have written to me about this topic. I am grateful to share your professional wisdom on the matter.

Harriette Cole is a lifestyleist and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to ask harriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.



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Daily Three-Midday
2-8-4, SB: 9
Daily Three-Evening
0-7-8, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
5-9-7-5, SB: 9
Daily Four-Evening
0-1-8-0, SB: 9
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

FRIDAY'S METALS

Aluminum	72
Copper	2.63
Lead	78
Zinc	91
Gold	1,730.96
Silver	17.45
Platinum	811.90

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Friday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.40. Soybeans: \$8.63.

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Randall Keith Davidson

Nov. 26, 1952 – June 11, 2020

Randall Keith Davidson, 67, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 11:40 am, Thursday, June 11, 2020 at his home. He was born November 26, 1952 in Wabash, to Isaac and Ethel (Inyart) Davidson.

Randy married Della Blevins in Lagro, Indiana on July 10, 1970. He worked at Clark’s Salvage Yard more than 30 years. He was affiliated with the Lincolnville United Methodist Church. Randy enjoyed his tools, operating his backhoe and wrecker, his 1977 Chevy, and his barn. He loved his grandkids and great grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Della Davidson of Wabash, four children, Iva (Scott) Green of North Manchester, Indiana, Randall Keith Davidson II of Huntington, Indiana, Delyah “Michelle” (Ty Maloy) Davidson and Melody (Christopher) Heister, both of Wabash, 13 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, sisters and brothers, Violet (Rex) Mowery and Rose Mary Kendall, both of Wabash, Carolyn Mowery of Marion, Indiana, Rowena (Claren) Goad of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Gerald Davidson of North Manchester, Nolan Davidson and Wendell (Charlotte) Davidson, both of



Wabash, Leonard Davidson of Lagro, and Allan Davidson of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters, Linda Howard, Darlene Davidson, Velma Crull, Margaret Wilson, and Melody Davidson, and his grandson, Michael Boring.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor John Cook officiating. Burial will be in Lagro Cemetery. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Parkview Wabash Hospital.

The memorial guest book for Randy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Gaye Ellen Schroeter

Sept. 21, 1947 – June 10, 2020

Gaye Ellen Schroeter, 72, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 6:07 pm, Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. She was born September 21, 1947 in Wabash, to Ralph A. and Rosanna “Rosie” (McAllister) Yentes.

Gaye was a 1965 graduate of Wabash High School, and attended the International Business College in Fort Wayne. She married Paul Schroeter in Wabash on January 26, 1996. She worked at Wabash County Hospital, retiring after 18 years. Gaye was a member of Treaty Church of Christ and was baptized four years ago. She also was a member of the Etna Acres Ladies Golf Club, helped with Sew-to-Serve, sewing CDC compliant masks for central Indiana COVID-19, and belonged to a Quilt Club in Wabash, and made several quilts. An avid seamstress, she also made baby christening gowns and toddler clothes for the grandchildren. She especially loved working in her garden.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Schroeter of Wabash, four children, Tim (Carrie) Vogel of Wabash, Heather (Nathan) Mylin of Zionsville, Indiana, Drew (Elizabeth) Dunham of Wabash, and Jeanne Dunham of Scottsdale, Arizona, eight grandchildren, Katelin (Jacob) Lloyd, Dereck Vogel, and Kaden Vogel, all of Wabash, Hannah Rose Mylin,



Nile Mylin, Tenny Mylin, and Nathan Renner Mylin, all of Zionsville, and Taylor Robbins, of Wabash, four step children, nine step grandchildren, one step great grandchild, brother, Arden “Skip” (Jennifer) Yentes of Danville, Indiana, and Mary Shannan (Richard) Townley of Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Treaty Church of Christ, 6793 S. 50 E. Wabash, with Ryan Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Monday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Parkview Wabash Hospital.

The memorial guest book for Gaye may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Joseph Randall Williams

July 1, 1964 – May 24, 2020

Joseph Randall Williams, 55, Marion, passed away at 1:08 pm on Sunday, May 24, 2020. He was born in Wabash, Indiana, on Wednesday, July 1, 1964, to Herman D. Williams and Sharon (Guerin) Shearer.

Joseph was a veteran of the United States Coast Guard and served his country from 1983-1989. He enjoyed watching sporting events with his father. He had a strong love for his Lord and enjoyed witnessing to people wherever he was.

Survivors include his mother, Sharon Shearer, and several aunts and uncles.



He was preceded in death by his father, Herman Williams.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Joseph’s life will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Burial will take place at Marion National Cemetery.

Memories may be shared online at www.nswcares.com.

Researchers ask if survivor plasma could prevent coronavirus

By **LAURAN NEERGAARD**
Associated Press

Survivors of COVID-19 are donating their blood plasma in droves in hopes it helps other patients recover from the coronavirus. And while the jury’s still out, now scientists are testing if the donations might also prevent infection in the first place.

Thousands of coronavirus patients in hospitals around the world have been treated with so-called convalescent plasma — including more than 20,000 in the U.S. — with little solid evidence so far that it makes a difference. One recent study from China was unclear while another from New York offered a hint of benefit.

“We have glimmers of hope,” said Dr. Shmuel Shoham of Johns Hopkins University.

With more rigorous testing of plasma treatment underway, Shoham is launching a nationwide study asking the next logical question: Could giving survivors plasma right after a high-risk exposure to the virus stave off illness?

To tell, researchers at Hopkins and 15 other sites will recruit health workers, spouses of the sick and residents of nursing homes where someone just fell ill and “they’re trying to nip it in the bud,” Shoham said.

It’s a strict study: The 150 volunteers will be randomly assigned to get either plasma from COVID-19 survivors that contains coronavirus-fighting antibodies or regular plasma, like is used daily in hospitals, that was frozen prior to the pandemic. Scientists will track if there’s a difference in who gets sick.

If it works, survivor plasma could have important ramifications until a vaccine arrives — raising the prospect of possibly protecting high-risk people with temporary immune-boosting infusions every so often.

“They’re a paramedic, they’re a police officer, they’re a poultry industry worker, they’re a submarine naval officer,” Shoham

ticked off. “Can we blanket protect them?”

The new coronavirus has infected more than 7 million people worldwide and killed more than 400,000, according to official tallies believed to be an underestimate. With no good treatments yet, researchers are frantically studying everything from drugs that tackle other viruses to survivor plasma — a century-old remedy used to fight infection before modern medicines came along.

The historical evidence is sketchy, but convalescent plasma’s most famous use was during the 1918 flu pandemic, and reports suggest that recipients were less likely to die. Doctors still dust off the approach to tackle surprise outbreaks, like SARS, a cousin of COVID-19, in 2002 and the 2014 Ebola epidemic in West Africa, but even those recent uses lacked rigorous research.

When the body encounters a new germ, it makes proteins called antibodies that are specially targeted to fight the infection. The antibodies float in plasma — the yellowish, liquid part of blood.

Because it takes a few weeks for antibodies to form, the hope is that transfusing someone else’s antibodies could help patients fight the virus before their own immune system kicks in. One donation is typically divided into two or three treatments. Donations also can be combined into a high-dose product; manufacturer Grifols is producing doses of that “hyperimmune globulin” for a study expected to start next month.

And as more people survive COVID-19, there are increasing calls for them to donate plasma so there’s enough of a stockpile if it pans out. On Friday, U.S. health officials notified doctors that it doesn’t violate health privacy rules to track down prior COVID-19 patients and tell them about donation options.

Convalescent plasma seems safe to use, Dr. Michael Joyner of the Mayo Clinic reported last month.

Ind. officials report 16 additional coronavirus deaths

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Sixteen more people have died in Indiana with coronavirus infections, giving the state nearly 2,400 deaths of those with confirmed or presumed infections since mid-March, health officials said Friday.

Most of the newly recorded deaths happened Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, but others happened as far back as May 9, according to the Indiana State Department of Health.

The latest state statistics give the state a death toll of 2,214 people who died with confirmed COVID-19 infections. The health department also has recorded 182 fatalities considered coronavirus-related by doctors but without confirmation of the illness from test results.

Indiana hospitals had 330 COVID-19 patients in their intensive care units on Thursday, with 38 percent of the state’s ICU beds available.

His team tracked the first 5,000 plasma recipients in a Food and Drug Administration-sponsored program that helps hospitals use the experimental treatment, and found few serious side effects.

Does it help recovery? A clue comes from the first 39 patients treated at New York’s Mount Sinai Hospital. Researchers compared each plasma recipient to four other COVID-19 patients who didn’t get plasma but were the same age, just as sick and being given the same amount of oxygen. People who received plasma before needing a ventilator were less likely to die than non-plasma recipients, said Dr. Sean Liu, the study’s lead author.

“We really tried to target patients who were early in their course, preferably within the first one to two weeks

of their disease,” Liu said.

“Being a doctor during this time, you just feel helpless,” Liu added, stressing that more rigorous study was needed but he was glad to have tried this first-step research. “Watching people die is, it’s heartbreaking. It’s scary and it’s heartbreaking.”

But results of the first strictly controlled study were disappointing. Hospitals in the hard-hit Chinese city of Wuhan were comparing severely ill patients randomly assigned to receive plasma or regular care, but ran out of new patients when the virus waned.

With only half of the 200 planned patients enrolled, more plasma recipients survived but researchers couldn’t tell if it was a real difference or coincidence, according to a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association last week.

The real proof will come from ongoing, strict studies that compare patients assigned to get either survivor plasma or a dummy treatment.

Further complicating the search for answers, COVID-19 survivors harbor widely varying levels of antibodies. And while researchers want to use what Hopkins’ Shoham calls “the high-octane stuff,” no one knows the best dose to test.

“About 20 percent of recovered patients and donors have very strong immunity,” estimated Dr. Michele Donato of Hackensack University Medical Center, who is studying how long they retain that level of protection.

Those are the people researchers want to become repeat donors.

“It’s, I think, our job as humans to step forward and help in society,” said Aubrie Cresswell, 24, of Bear, Delaware, who has donated three times and counting.

One donation was shipped to a hospitalized friend of a friend, and “it brought me to tears. I was like, overwhelmed with it just because the family was really thankful.”

Sheriff says body cameras a top priority

COLUMBUS, Ind. (AP) — A sheriff in southeastern Indiana says he will ask county officials to approve funding for body cameras for all of his deputies.

Bartholomew County Sheriff Matt Myers says body cameras are a top priority this year and that his office already has price quotes from nationally recognized suppliers and from other policing agencies using the technology, The Republic reported.

The proposal has the support of every deputy, as well as many residents and community leaders, Myers wrote in a news release.

“A strong part of public trust is to have each and every deputy wear a body camera and have a car camera to

capture all the facts of each exchange with the public,” Myers stated, noting that the cameras would create more accountability for both the officers and the public.

Myer’s initial request was presented while the county was struggling financially and will likely receive reconsideration when the council begins its 2021 budget talks in August. A final vote on next year’s spending plan is scheduled for mid-October.

Besides the cameras, the proposal included 35 replacement stun guns, unlimited video storage, and a number of related accessories and services. Sheriff’s Capt. Brandon Slate quoted a cost of \$248,393 that would be paid over a five-year period.

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salaries and provide meals and recovery-related programming for women living in the home,” stated Ford.

The Community Founda-

tion of Wabash County will be processing donations and administering the Hope House Fund. All donations are tax-deductible. To donate, visit www.cfwabash.org or mail a check to the Community Foundation located at 105 W. Second

St., North Manchester, with Hope House in the memo line.

“With your financial support, you will help women in Wabash County maintain recovery, strengthen relationships, find freedom, discover purpose in their lives

and most importantly, find hope,” stated Ford.

For more information, visit www.hopehousemarion.org.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. — 1 Corinthians 13:13

Senator Grassley, don't back down

There are emerging glimmers that even some top Republican officials are growing weary of some of their president's assaults on democracy.

Last Thursday, Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa, the longest-serving Republican now in the Senate, put the White House on notice.

Known as an advocate of vigorous oversight of the executive, Mr. Grassley had for some time been stewing about President Trump's removal of inspectors general, the quasi-independent internal watchdogs tasked with overseeing federal agencies. In recent months, the president has pushed out five inspectors general (including acting I.G.s), with more dismissals expected. In the process, he has not even pretended to abide by the law requiring him to provide Congress with explanations for the terminations. He simply informed lawmakers that he had lost confidence in the officials.

Mr. Grassley had seen enough. "Im placing holds on 2 Trump Admin noms until I get reasons 4 firing 2 agency watchdogs as required by law," the Iowa Republican tweeted, in the choppy parlance of social media. "All I want is a reason 4 firing these ppl CHECKS&BALANCES"

Whatever his view of the purges, Mr. Grassley is irked by the president's disrespect for Congress. In response to Mr. Trump's April 3 announcement that he was firing Michael Atkinson, the former inspector general for the intelligence community who played a

tangential role in the president's impeachment, Mr. Grassley demanded "more detailed reasoning" by April 13 — a request the White House ignored. The senator made a similar request following the May 15 ouster of Steven Linick, the former inspector general of the State Department, whom Mr. Trump dismissed at the request of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Mr. Linick had been investigating the secretary for possible abuse of office.

Mr. Grassley's letter to the White House also expressed concern that, at both the State and the Transportation Departments, the president had replaced the ousted inspectors general with political appointees from within the agency, who reportedly planned to keep their political appointments while serving as I.G. This would, he pointed out, give them "oversight of and access to all confidential inspector general information, including whistle-blower complaints and identities," while still reporting to the department secretary. (The senator is a big champion of whistle-blower protections.)

On May 26, Pat Cipollone, the White House counsel, responded with a letter that provided no explanations, even as it asserted the president's "constitutional and statutory authority" to do what he had done.

Unimpressed, and perhaps weary of being humiliated, Mr. Grassley at last moved beyond letter-writing. Last Thursday, his office announced that he would "not

consider the nomination of Christopher C. Miller to be the director of the National Counterterrorism Center" nor "the nomination of Marshall Billingslea to be the under secretary for arms control and international security at the State Department" until the president explained himself.

Perhaps coincidentally, Mr. Grassley's move came one day after Mr. Linick told House members that he'd been removed from office shortly after seeking to interview Mr. Pompeo about his role in a questionable arms sale to Saudi Arabia. He also testified that a top department official and longtime friend of Mr. Pompeo's, Brian Bulatao, had pressured him to abandon the inquiry.

The real problem, of course, goes far beyond Mr. Trump's failure to observe reporting requirements. Since taking office, this president has worked to destroy individuals and institutions that attempt to hold his administration accountable. His animus toward inspectors general, whom he sees as part of a conspiracy against him, is just a tiny slice of the contempt for checks and balances that has come to define his presidency. Yet, time and again, Republican lawmakers have declined to rein him in.

Lawmakers unwilling to stand up to Mr. Trump and his escalating attacks on accountability should be increasingly concerned that the American people are wondering the same about them.

A version of this editorial was first published in The New York Times.

Trump is uniting Americans – against him

The first time I witnessed the use of tear gas and brutal force against lawful, peaceful protesters was in Chile during the reign of military dictator Augusto Pinochet. The shocking abuse of state power we saw near the White House on Monday reminded me of that place and time – and made clear the peril we now face.

Eugene Robinson



Pinochet had seized power in 1973 in a bloody U.S.-backed coup. In 1988, believing himself invincible, he called for a plebiscite to give him eight more years in power. I covered the run-up to that vote. And when those calling on Chileans to vote "no" held rallies, Pinochet's goon squads inevitably found or invented some reason to disperse the crowds with overwhelming force. The worst kind of tear gas, I discovered the hard way, was some concoction the strongman bought from the apartheid government in South Africa.

That sort of thing doesn't happen here in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Except this week, in Lafayette Square.

After mounted police, flash-bang explosives, rubber bullets and tear gas had cleared a path for him, President Trump preened and strutted to his Dear Leader photo op like a wannabe Pinochet, trailed by his wannabe junta – Defense Secretary Mark T. Esper, Attorney General William Barr, daughter Ivanka and Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was, absurdly, wearing camo fatigues as if he were in Baghdad or Kabul, not Lafayette Square.

Trump stood in front of historic St. John's Episcopal Church and held aloft a Bible as if it were some new-and-improved gadget he was hawkling in an infomercial. Trump cuts a ridiculous figure, so yes, we can laugh at him. But his authoritarian, call-in-the-troops response to the protests over George Floyd's killing shows – as if more evidence were needed – how dangerous he is to the very idea of America.

The Lafayette Square atrocity moved Trump's first defense secretary, James Mattis, to finally speak out. "Donald Trump is the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people – does not even pretend to try," Mattis wrote in a statement. "Instead he tries to divide us. We are witnessing the consequences of three years of this deliberate effort."

Wednesday afternoon, as I visited the site where demonstrators were gassed and manhandled, I wondered whether Trump's attempt at division might not be having the opposite effect.

The passionate but entirely peaceful crowd was much larger than Monday's, and I was struck by its rainbow diversity; African Americans may have been a plurality, but there were also whites, Latinos and Asian Americans in substantial numbers. It wasn't possible to observe the six-foot rule for social distancing, but most of the protesters were wearing masks or bandanas. Some of the face coverings bore the same messages as the handwritten signs some people held up: "Black Lives Matter." "Stop Police Murder." "I Can't Breathe."

I ran into the Rev. Rob Fisher, rector of St. John's, who said he had been given no warning that the president intended to use his church as a backdrop for photographs that are already being used in Trump campaign ads. "The only way to the next step is that voices need to be heard, not tanks and guns," Fisher said.

La Voyce Reid, a social worker who lives in the Virginia suburbs, told me that "this is my first time ever coming out to a protest." Reid, who is African American, said she grew up in South Central Los Angeles and remembered the Rodney King riots in 1992. She brought along her 15-year-old daughter and her 22-year-old son because she thought it was important for them to be there, too. "Sitting at home and watching on television just wasn't enough."

Chris Bostick, who is black, and his friend Jordan Gault, who is white, both work as bartenders and are currently laid-off. They said it was important to them to be physically present. Gault held a sign that read, "Whites are not all racists, Blacks are not all criminals, Cops are not all killers, We are all human."

Separating the protesters from Lafayette Square and the White House beyond was a line of riot gear-clad-federal officers who wore no insignia or name tags that would allow them to be identified and held accountable for anything they did during the demonstration. Behind them were military-style troop carriers; behind the vehicles, a hastily erected black chain-link fence. If all of that was intended to intimidate, it spectacularly failed.

All those years ago in Chile, Pinochet thought he could use force to intimidate citizens into submission, too. The people ended up booting him out of power in a plebiscite and renewing the nation's treasured democratic traditions. Sic semper tyrannis.

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An inglorious military moment, comparable to 1932

A small fraction of a large number can be a significant number. So, although the fact that there are a significant number of ninnies among the 329 million people in this country is embarrassing, it is not surprising. What is puzzling is that specimens such as

George Will



Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have reached positions of considerable responsibility in today's government. It might be a fact of today's political physics that these two have floated upward because they are lighter than air. That, however, is an insufficient explanation of their eminence. Neither is it satisfactory to merely note that such people can be expected to be found in high offices when the dispenser of offices, civilian and military, probably would explicitly reject basic civic norms if he knew they existed.

They will not exist for long if the nation does not recoil against an administration that includes a defense secretary who refers to this Republic as a "battlespace." And also includes a four-star Army general who reports to the Oval Office in combat fatigues, dressed appropriately for an evening of police and military engagements that involved clearing a public park of peaceful demonstrators, and intimidating protesters elsewhere. The purpose of the clearing, achieved with flash-bang grenades and chemicals, was to enable the Bible-brandishing commander in chief to stand in front of a church for the purpose of stroking the portion of his political base that is composed of Evangelical Christians who relish rendering their souls unto this particular Caesar.

Unfurl the "Mission Accomplished" banner.

On Tuesday, Esper's evolving explanation was that he did not know details about the event his commander was conscripting him into. Monday night's Battle of Lafayette Square, which took place in a traditional venue of protests, and operations elsewhere in Washington, were inglorious engagements for the U.S. military, comparable to events of July 28, 1932. President Herbert Hoover ordered the Army to disperse the members of the self-named Bonus Expeditionary Force, generally remembered as the Bonus Army or Bonus March, which at one point that sweltering summer numbered approximately 20,000.

It was made up of World War I veterans drawn to Washington to exhort Congress to pass bonuses for veterans. They were encamped in a sprawling jumble of tents and shanties on the Anacostia River south of Washington.

After the House narrowly passed but the Senate overwhelmingly rejected the bonus legislation, many marchers began to leave Washington. Hoover's soon-to-be-successor, New York Gov. Franklin Roosevelt, offered to pay for train tickets home for New York marchers.

But Hoover was reeling toward paranoia under the pressure of the Depression, the worst economic calamity in U.S. history until the one that has today's president floundering. Hoover ordered the dispersal of the remaining marchers.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the Army chief of staff, who had been sniffing what he considered the stench of revolution, suspected there were more communists than real veterans. (Arthur Herman, in his 2016 biography "Douglas MacArthur: American Warrior," writes: "No one doubts today that the Bonus March was a spon-

aneous, unplanned movement born of frustration and – in many cases – desperation.") MacArthur had ordered tanks brought from Maryland's Aberdeen Proving Ground, and had alerted mounted cavalry under the command of Col. George Patton.

When MacArthur decided to witness the operation, one member of his staff warned him, unsuccessfully, that this would be "highly inappropriate." So spoke Major Dwight Eisenhower.

MacArthur changed from his summer suit into, Herman writes, a uniform that his Filipino valet fetched, the one that MacArthur's "mother usually picked out for formal occasions and dinners, and decorated with every ribbon and medal, including his marksmanship badges," with "breeches and gleaming riding boots and spurs." Herman says, "Mac put it on without thinking twice."

The cavalry came down Pennsylvania Avenue with drawn sabers, the infantry threw tear-gas grenades, D.C. police pitched in and the mission was accomplished. Sometimes it does seem that history is not one damn thing after another, it is the same damn thing over and over.

Monday's military and police engagements in downtown Washington were in the service of the president's promise to "dominate" protesters. It is perhaps a mistake to be angry at Esper or Milley, or, for that matter, at the officers who ordered military helicopters to hover menacingly at rooftop level to intimidate protesters exercising a First Amendment right in proximity to monuments commemorating those who founded and preserved this Republic. The military officers involved, like their civilian leaders, have all been promoted to the level of their incompetence.

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Granddaughter wants wedding with no family in attendance

DEAR ABBY: Our first granddaughter is getting married in six months and has told her parents that no one from either family is invited to the wedding. They want to get married by themselves because they are both shy and don't want to be the center of attention.



At first I was OK with it, but the more I thought about it, the more hurt I felt. The confusing part about this is she wants a pre-wedding party for both families to attend. So I asked her to keep an open mind and think about having the party right after the marriage ceremony. Now she won't talk to me! Was I wrong to suggest an idea? My husband is now saying he doesn't want to attend any party they will have.

I can't stop thinking about our daughter and how she feels about not being able to see her daughter get married. I'm afraid I may have made things worse, and I'm very depressed. I just want to fix it so everyone is happy. Help! — Depressed In North Carolina

DEAR DEPRESSED: So you have appointed yourself the official family fixer? Your "shy" granddaughter and her fiancé appear to be confirmed introverts. If they prefer to take their vows privately, it's their privilege, and you shouldn't personalize it. That was your mistake.

While I don't think you have committed a cardinal sin and do think your granddaughter overreacted, you shouldn't feel the need to mend any fences. As to how your daughter will feel about not seeing her daughter get married, that is not your problem. Take a step back and let the bride and groom celebrate their day as they wish.

P.S. I find it odd the bride and groom would want ANY party, feeling the way they do about the ceremony.

DEAR ABBY: Why do people feel compelled to ask if my dog was adopted or rescued? I have wanted a dog for at least five years. Because I was in nursing school, I waited until I graduated, and then my partner and I researched extensively.

While I love the idea of adopting, sheltering or rescuing, we wanted a purebred German shepherd puppy. My son and I both have mental health issues, and our dog has been a huge help and an antidepressant all in one.

It is unfair that people ask these questions, or have the audacity to make faces and comments when I say no. I have neither the desire nor the capacity to mend or train a potentially broken dog. How I got her is no one's business but ours and our vet's.

The best response I have heard when someone asks if a dog is adopted or rescued is, "No, she's biological." I've used it only once, but it got my point across. Please remind your readers that asking these questions is rude. — Myob In Massachusetts

DEAR MYOB: I'm willing to remind them, but whether they'll pay attention is anyone's guess. What these people are doing is expressing the idea that animals who are in need of a good home should take priority. That said, there is nothing wrong with having a purebred animal if that is your preference.

P.S. I hear a lot lately about people adopting dogs during this quarantine period because they are desperate for company. I sincerely hope the animals will not be forgotten or discarded once the quarantine is lifted and folks return to their (somewhat) normal lives.

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Looking good!
Oh, stop it!
Aren't you looking trim tonight.

Thank you! My needles just fell into place tonight.
I'll take some rainwater, please.

WHEN THE FOREST'S CONIFERS HAD A PARTY, THEY GOT ---

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"Daddy, I think there's something that you need to do today."

BEETLE BAILEY

THIS PLACE GIVES YOU A FREE PIZZA IF THEY DON'T DELIVER IN 30 MINUTES

PRONTO PIZZA

CAMP SWAMPY

MY SERGEANT ORDERED ME TO DETAIN YOU

PRONTO PIZZA

BLONDIE

I THOUGHT MRS. B. WANTED YOU TO MOW THE LAWN

THE MOWER RAN OUT OF GAS

SHOULDN'T YOU FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO DO? LIKE PULL WEEDS OR TRIM HEDGES?

ELMO, YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE SOME GIRL VERY HAPPY WHEN YOU GET MARRIED

HI & LOIS

DADDY MADE US PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST.

IT'S A FLAGSTON FAMILY TRADITION.

YOUR FATHER NEVER HAD A FOOD DELIVERY APP.

SHHH.

HUBGRUB

BC

AND TONIGHT'S BIG STORY...

ELECTION SEASON COVERAGE.

HOPE YOU'RE WEARING SHOES YOU CAN HOSE OFF.

WIZARD OF ID

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT MY JOB WASN'T HUMILIATING ENOUGH...

HEY! BACK TO OCEAN SOUNDS

SNOOOOSH... CRASH... SQUANK... SNOOOOSHH... SQUANK...

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I'M NOW THE KING OF WHITE NOISE

DILBERT

DO YOU HAVE ANY EMERGENCIES FOR ME TO WORK ON?

I DO.

PERFECT! I NEEDED AN EXCUSE TO AVOID WORKING ON THE BORING PARTS OF MY JOB.

I ALSO NEED YOUR STATUS REPORT BY END OF DAY.

I WOULD TOTALLY DO THAT IF NOT FOR THIS DARNED EMERGENCY.

GARFIELD

THE FIRST CUP OF COFFEE SETS THE TONE FOR THE WHOLE DAY

SLURRRP

HOW'S THE DECAF?

FORT KNOX

THE SORORITY KICKED ME OUT, JOEY.

WHAT HAPPENED?

KING OF BEERS

I BROKE THEIR BIGGEST RULE.

WOW.

PAP JOKES HERE

PIP YOU LIE TO THEM?

NO, I STOLE THEIR BOYFRIENDS.

CRAZY TRAIN

SHOCK AND SURPRISE

PICKLES

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, EARL?

PUTTING GAS IN THE CAR.

WHERE IS IT?

WHERE IS WHAT?

THE CAR.

THE CAR?

OH, SHOOT!

My Answer: Prayers lifted to Almighty God can alter history

Q: Flag Day doesn't get much attention these days and I wonder why Americans seem so indifferent to allegiance to our country. Yet I hear a lot of people — even politicians — say that we should pray for our country. Does it really make a difference? — F.D.

A: Prayers lifted to Almighty God can alter history. What a glorious thing it would be if millions of Americans would avail themselves to the greatest form of communication — prayer to the One who hears and knows the anguish of our hearts. We have not yet learned that mankind is more powerful on his knees than behind the most powerful weapons or devices known, when prayers are directed to the Lord God. Our nation was founded by people who prayed. When

our government was in the process of being formed, Benjamin Franklin addressed the chairman of the Constitutional Convention meeting at Philadelphia in 1787, saying, "I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, it is probable that an empire cannot rise without His aid." Millions of people pray only in times of danger or uncertainty. Sadly, many

pray to gods that have no ears to hear and no eyes to see. The world is being carried on a rushing torrent of history that is sweeping out of control. There is but one power available to redeem the course of events, and that is the power of prayer by God-fearing, Christ-believing people.

We must not pray only for His direction; we must pray for His forgiveness for our willful disobedience. And then we must pray with grateful hearts for the blessings He has bestowed on the United States of America.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"BCU AYHE NX PBI SCXI BPM BA
JHPD TBYNINVHY TBNPIX BA LNMF.
UHIKMU IKM AYHE NX H XDJWBY BA
BCU PHINBP HY CPNID." — HOUNHP
VUBPHCMU

Previous Solution: "Popularity ... may aptly be compared to a coquette — the more you woo her, the more apt is she to elude your embrace." — John Tyler
TODAY'S CLUE: W equals H

Police disciplinary records are largely kept secret in U.S.

By **CLAUDIA LAUER**
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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Officer Derek Chauvin had more than a dozen misconduct complaints against him before he put his knee on George Floyd’s neck. Daniel Pantaleo, the New York City officer who seized Eric Garner in a deadly chokehold, had eight. Ryan Pownall, a Philadelphia officer facing murder charges in the shooting of David Jones, had 15 over five years.

But the public didn’t know about any of that until the victims’ deaths. Citizen complaints against police across the U.S. are largely kept secret, either under the law or by union contract — a practice some criminal justice experts say deprives the public of information that could be used to root out problem officers before it’s too late.

In recent years, there have been dozens of examples of officers who had numerous complaints against them of excessive force, harassment or other misconduct before they were accused of killing someone on duty.

Confidentiality “makes it really tough for the public to know just who it is they are dealing with and to know whether their department or any particular officer is one they would want out in the streets,” said David Harris, a University of Pittsburgh law professor who studies police behavior.

While the U.S. considers ways to reform American policing following the sometimes violent protests that erupted nationwide over Floyd’s death in Minneapolis, complaint data is getting renewed attention as a way to track and correct rogue officers and perhaps head off more serious instances of brutality.

Both Democratic and Republican reform bills in Congress would make officers’ disciplinary records public and create a national database of allegations — a shift in political will that didn’t exist just a few years ago.

Police advocates argue that withholding allegations is necessary to protect officers’ privacy and keep them safe. Police unions have fought in contract negotiations and in state legislatures for confidentiality. In some cases, records are erased after as little as two years.

“The unfettered release of police personnel records will allow unstable people to target police officers and our families for harassment or worse,” said Patrick Lynch, head of the Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association in New York City. “A dangerous cop-hater only needs a police officer’s name, linked to a few false or frivolous complaints, to be inspired to commit violence.”

Personal information on officers is already being leaked online, according to an intelligence document from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, obtained by The Associated Press.

Police unions argue, too, that the

overwhelming majority of complaints are deemed unsubstantiated after internal investigations. But that argument carries no weight with the many activists who say police departments tend to protect their own.

Out of about 5,000 complaints brought against New York City officers last year for offenses such as discourtesy, excessive force and abuse of authority, 24 percent were substantiated, according to the city’s independent Civilian Complaint Review Board.

Bowling Green State University criminologist Phil Stinson, who has collected data on thousands of police charged, investigated or convicted of crimes, said that most officers go through their careers with few complaints against them, and that generally a small percentage of officers account for an outsize share of complaints.

Stinson recalled an Atlanta officer who had a personnel file full of “frightfully similar” complaints from women of sexual misconduct. It wasn’t until his file was leaked to a local TV station that he faced any discipline.

Around 40 percent of current New York City police officers have never received a civilian complaint, while 32 percent have one or two, and one officer has 52, the highest, according to the review board.

In New York, Pantaleo, the officer who put Garner in a chokehold in 2014 but was not indicted in his death, had eight disciplinary cases

of abuse and excessive force, four of which were substantiated. But his record was secret until a staff member at the review board leaked it. The staffer later resigned.

New York legislators this week voted to repeal the law that kept officers’ names secret along with specifics about complaints made against them. The repeal passed largely along party lines, and Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed it Friday.

Chris Dunn, legal director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, rejected the notion, advanced largely by Republicans, that police disciplinary records should be kept private like medical information.

“They have no privacy interest in acts of misconduct, in the use of force or the killing of civilians,” he said. “When a police officer walks out the door in uniform, they’re a public official, and all of their conduct should be subject to public scrutiny.”

In Philadelphia, Pownall’s record was made public along with that of a few other officers named in hundreds of complaints after reporters filed freedom of information requests in 2018. As for Chauvin, who is charged with murder in Floyd’s death, his records became public after similar requests — and the details are still being withheld.

Many departments disclose portions of officers’ complaint files. Some release files only for certain time periods. Some withhold com-

plaints if the internal investigation did not substantiate them. Others, like many Texas departments, hold back cases that did not result in a suspension or firing. But in most cases, the information is released only if the person requesting it names the officer.

But by the time a reporter or member of the public knows the officer’s name, it can be too late.

In Scottsdale, Arizona, Officer James Peters was involved in seven shootings from 2002 to 2012 that led to six deaths. Six of those shootings were deemed justified by the department. In the final case, Peters killed an unarmed man holding his 7-month-old grandson.

The city paid \$4 million to the victim’s family to settle a lawsuit that noted Peters had at least two previous complaints, including a reprimand for mishandling a gun he pointed at his own face.

Some states, cities and police departments are working toward transparency, however grudgingly.

A 2018 California law requires departments to start releasing information about misconduct claims, though only when officers are found to have improperly used force or fired their weapons, committed sexual assaults on the job or been dishonest in their official duties.

Several departments responded by destroying decades of records. Others filed lawsuits asking that the law not apply to files from before the law took effect in 2019.

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Wabash, IN 46992, by email at steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org or by phone 260-563-6726. The deadline for applications to be received is Friday, June 12. For more information, visit <https://www.efsp.unitedway.org/efsp/website/index.cfm>.

2021 spring comedy director sought

The Wabash Area Community Theater is looking for the director for their 2021 spring comedy to be performed in March 2021. Anyone interested in directing should submit a portfolio with their directing experience. The portfolio should also include information stating the name of the play, the plot, the size of the cast, set and prop requirements, and other details about the show. Applications for the director and show are being accepted until Friday, June 12, and can be mailed to WACT, P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, email Eric Seaman at ericcharlesseaman@gmail.com, Bev Vanderpool at vanderpob@yahoo.com or Howard Kaler at gm@charleycreekinn.com.

‘Painting through Miami Eyes’ events set for Mississinewa, Salamonie

Join Catherine Nagy Mowry, for a painting workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Mississinewa Lake, and Saturday, June 20 at Salamonie Lake. The class size is limited. Property entrance fees apply. This is a free event. Advance registration required, by calling 260-468-2127.

Weed Wrangle to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Meet Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) members and volunteers from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 13 at Mississinewa Lake’s Blue Heron Trailhead, E. County Road 500 South, Peru. For more information and for advance registration, call 260-468-2127.

Mural Fest application deadline extended

From Sept. 8 to 18, regional and national artists will create 11 high-quality murals — one in each of the 11 counties of northeast Indiana. The site chosen for the Wabash County mural was the Selleck Building, 214 E. Main St., North Manchester. Artists are encouraged to apply by Sunday, June 14. To apply or learn more, visit www.NElmuralfestival.com.

Teen Indiana Master Naturalist classes to be held at Salamonie

The sessions will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19 at Salamonie Nature and Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants must complete 80 percent of the course sessions, complete 12 volunteer hours with local or state natural resources organization, complete a pre- and post-survey during the first and last course sessions, and pay registration fee required by the sponsor. Class size is limited to 14 participants. Space is reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. Space will be reserved only upon payment of the \$60 registration fee. Registration is due by Friday, June 5. Registration applications are available by

visiting Salamonie Nature and Interpretive Center or by emailing Trody@dnr.in.gov. Call 260-468-2127 for more information or visit www.indianamasternaturalist.org.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for June 16

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 17

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 17 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Soul Shot features Bobby Velasquez and John Kirkwood and many other seasoned musicians including Darrell Ellison, Ben Black, John Hancock and Wesley Kirkwood. Soul Shot plays classic rock and other genres including dance, oldies, disco, blues and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

North Manchester Kiwanis Club plans annual fish fry

The Kiwanis Club of North Manchester annual fish fry is set for Thursday, June 18 at Warvel Park, 702 N. Market St., North Manchester. This year’s fish fry will be curbside only in a drive-thru procession. The starting point for the drive-thru will be along the southbound lane of Market Street from the corner of Ninth Street to Seventh Street. Fish dinners will be available from 4:30 to 7 p.m. “or until we sell out of dinners.” Diners include fish, coleslaw, tartar sauce, applesauce and a cookie. Tickets cost \$10.50 in advance and \$11 at the event. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Kiwanis member, from Grand’s Ice Cream Shoppe, Quality Quick Lube and Shepherds Chevrolet or at the park the night of the event. For tickets and additional information, call David Kreps at 260-982-8251 or visit www.northmanchesterkiwanis.com.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for June 19

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 19 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.

Wabash County Museum announces re-opening plans

The Wabash County Museum plans to re-open the majority of its facility to the public Tuesday, June 23 with modified hours. The new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 36 E. Market St. The education center located on the second floor of the museum will remain closed with a targeted opening date in early July.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 24

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 24 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne’s best country bands. They have opened for sold-out concerts for

Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 8

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

30th Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant to be held July 24

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked “Scholarship Pageant.” The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountyfestivals scholarshippageant, or contact any of the directors.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free

for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club’s president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event’s chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

‘Liking for Biking’ riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a “free, family-friendly” 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a “fun and engaging atmosphere.” Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman’s Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-21 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman’s Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization. For more information, call Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)!MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride — Sunday, Sept. 13 — and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Second Harvest tailgates at Senior Center now scheduled Wednesdays

Second Harvest Food Bank will conduct a tailgate food distribution event at 11 a.m. each Wednesday at Living Well in Wabash County, 239 Bond St. Distribution is while supplies last. No IDs, proof of address or need are required. All are welcome, regardless of home county. Attendees should only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit curehunger.org/get-involved-donate.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily serving breakfast and lunch, except for Friday, when it is closed.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaineditor.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Community

A history of the flag on Flag Day

By **BARBARA AMISS**
Regent, Frances Slocum Chapter, INDAR

Flag Day, celebrated annually on June 14, honors the flag and commemorates the day its design was approved by the Continental Congress in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the birth of the flag, but Flag Day didn't become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed legislation designating June 14 as Flag Day.

Who designed the U.S. flag?

We need to talk about two signers of the Declaration of Independence, Francis Hopkinson, of New Jersey and George Ross, of Pennsylvania. Francis Hopkinson was a man of many talents: Lawyer, musician and artist. In March 1780, he took a job as treasurer of loans in the Treasury Department. When he wasn't writing rable-raising, patriotic songs or drawing caricatures of his fellow congressmen, he put his artistic talents to use designing seals and flags for various agencies.

No sketches of Hopkinson's flag design exist, but we do have the original description, which called for 13 red and white alternating stripes and 13 white stars on a field of blue. In Hopkinson's original design, the stars were six-pointed and arranged in rows. This staggered arrangement of stars proved to be somewhat controversial. Look closely at the stars, and you'll see that they easily form crosses and diagonals. To the eyes

of early Americans, this was uncomfortably similar to the design of Great Britain's flag. So, the stars on Hopkinson's flag were configured into a circle, which banished the similarity to the British flag and also suggested that no one colony or state was greater than any of the others. Of course, this version looks remarkably similar to the one supposedly sewn by Betsy Ross.

George Ross, of Pennsylvania, is probably best known today for matters of association: One being his relationship to Betsy Ross. Ross was the uncle of John Ross, husband of Betsy – the very same Betsy who is touted to schoolchildren as the woman who sewed the first American flag. The story goes that Ross, George Washington and Robert "Moneybags" Morris paid a visit to Betsy at her shop one night and asked her to make a flag.

According to Betsy's story, she was presented with a design for a flag with six-pointed stars, but she convinces the gentlemen who hired her – George Washington allegedly among them – that a five-pointed star would be a wiser choice since she could cut it out of fabric with one snip. Was Hopkinson's design sewn by Betsy Ross? We'll never know since records from that time are frustratingly murky. While it's clear that she did sew flags during that period, it's not certain that she sewed the first U.S. flag. The only evidence we have to support her story are affidavits sworn out more than a hundred years after the alleged commission. By then, Betsy wasn't around

to speak for herself, so the affidavits were signed by her descendants, who were hardly impartial.

On the other hand, we do know that Hopkinson almost certainly designed some version of the flag because he famously sent Congress a bill for his services, asking for "a quarter cask of the Public Wine" as payment for his work. All the poor guy wanted was a little free booze and a pat on the back. But Congress dissed him, saying that as an employee of the Treasury, he was expected to do such things as part of his regular pay. Insulted, Hopkinson resubmitted his bill, and the matter dragged on for another year before he resigned his office in high dudgeon. Though he was never paid, historians point out that Hopkinson is the only person in the minutes of the Continental Congress credited with having designed a U.S. flag. Not that Betsy doesn't deserve any credit – she did sew quite a few of the early flags. But we cannot confirm that she sewed the first flag.

Let that be a lesson to us all: Always leave an unimpeachable paper trail.

The first flag lasted 18 years. The American flag has changed 27 times. Our last flag has lasted 60 years; Hawaii's star was added on July 4, 1960. Will we have any more states added in the future? District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are possibilities.

Barbara Amiss is the regent of the Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution. Amiss plans to share this during her time Sunday as a liturgist at the North Manchester United Methodist Church.

Ladies of Honeywell announces scramble results

The next scramble will be Tuesday, June 23

STAFF REPORT

The Ladies of Honeywell announced the results of Tuesday's scramble, according to Lana Garber, secretary.

In first place, with a score of 61, was Loretta Cornwell, Jane Mann, Patsy My-

ers and Lee Ann George.

In second place, with a score of 64, was Garber, Sue Gray, Mary Jo McClelland and Jennifer Shira.

In third place, with a score of 67, was Brenda Mosier, Judy Shriver, Shirley Walter, Jane Banker and Shawkey Kahn.

Garber stated there will be no league play next week but ladies interested in playing their ball should sign-up for 9 a.m. Tuesday play.

The next scramble will be Tuesday, June 23. Pre-register by 9 a.m. Monday, June 22.

For more information, call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663.

The Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR holds June meeting

STAFF REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) took place on Saturday, June 6 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, according to Barbara Amiss, regent.

The meeting opened with the DAR ritual.

Devotions were around Memorial Day celebrations by Tammi Wise. The June President General's message from Denise Van Buren was shared by Joyce Joy.

"We certainly line in uncertain times, but I thank you for your continued commitment to DAR and our mission of service to these United States of America. For we together have much yet to accomplish," stated Amiss.

The National Defender Report was on "Flag Day, June 14, 2020" given by Cheryl Lewis. Flag Day, celebrated annually on June 14, honors the flag and commemorates the day its design was approved by

the Continental Congress in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the birth of the flag, but didn't become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed legislation designating June 14 as Flag Day.

The Indian Committee Minute was the name Squanto being entered into American history and folklore as one of the last of the Pauxets who assisted the Pilgrims in 1620 by Jennifer Rose.

The Conservation Minute was "Native Plants vs Non-native" given by Wiladean Tschantz.

The Flag Minute recognized who designed and made the flag.

The Constitution Minute was on the Supreme Court by Pat King.

The Women's Issue Minute was on heart attacks by Kie Kirk.

Correspondence was an invitation to attend the dedication ceremony for patri-

ot Elijah Mitchell at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

A thank you email for manufactures coupons was sent to a Navy-Marine Corps base in Guam.

The chapter conducted a memorial service for "Joby" Johannah Clark Kunkler Kaufman, a 46-year member of the Frances Slocum Chapter. Joby was co-owner of the Etna Acres Golf Course.

The next meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1234 Wabash Ave. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

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